



**Livestock and Seed Program  
Audit, Review, and Compliance Branch  
Quality System Audit Report**

**AUDIT INFORMATION**

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDOA)
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<b>Program:</b>	USDA National Organic Program (NOP)
<b>Audit Date(s):</b>	April 16-20, 2007
<b>Audit Identifier:</b>	NP7106ACA
<b>Action Required:</b>	No
<b>Audit Type:</b>	Surveillance - Accreditation Renewal Audit
<b>Audit Objective:</b>	To verify continuing compliance to the audit criteria; and to verify the implementation and effectiveness of corrective actions in addressing the previous non-compliances
<b>Audit Criteria:</b>	7 CFR Part 205, National Organic Program, Final Rule, dated December 21, 2000; Updated September 11, 2006
<b>Audit Scope:</b>	NDOA's quality manual dated October 2006, including personnel, processes, procedures, facilities, and related records.
<b>Location(s) Audited:</b>	NDOA Office in Reno, NV; Leech Logistics, (Processor) Sparks, NV; and Sod Buster Farm Palomino Valley, Reno, NV (Crop)

The NDOA Organic Certification Program was accredited as a certifying agent on May 13, 2002, to the National Organic Program (NOP) for crops and processors/handlers. NDOA currently has 24 crops and 6 handling operations certified to the NOP Standards in the State of Nevada. Clients are presently only certified in the state of Nevada.

The NDOA Inspector (Agriculturist IV) for the Organic Certification Program is conducting the initial application review and conducting the on-site evaluation. Then, the file(s) is/are sent to either the Regional Manager or the NDOA Administrator who makes the final decision for certification or denial of the clients, and after the final decision, the file is then sent back to the Inspector who issues the Organic Certificate. The Regional Manager and the Administrator are within the same office complex of the NDOA. The position of the Program Manager is vacant at the present time. The position of Director of Nevada Department of Agriculture was vacant until April 17 when a new Director was appointed by the Governor of the State of Nevada.



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The audit included observations of two witness audits conducted by the inspector of the NDOA. The operations for the inspections included Sod Buster Farms which grew organic vegetables for sale at the farmers market in Reno. The processing facility, Leech Logistics, was a grinding operation which ground organic dried Jerusalem Artichoke Hearts into a powder and conventional Herbs and Spices.

**FINDINGS**

Observations made, interviews conducted, and procedures and records reviewed verified that NDOA is currently operating in compliance to the audit criteria. Two minor non-compliances from the 2006 Annual Update were verified and found to be implemented and effective; therefore, the non-compliances were cleared. There were no non-compliances identified during the audit.

**NP6241NNA.NC1 – Minor – Cleared**

**NP6241NNA.NC2 - Minor – Cleared**